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SUBJ: PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO IRAQ

1. PRINCE FAHD'S ACTIVITIES DOMINATED IRAQI MEDIA THOUGHTOUT JUNE 10-12 VISIT. PRINCE RECEIVED WARMEST POSSIBLE RECEPTION AND TIGHTEST SECURITY YET NOTED FOR ANY VISITOR. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT AL-BAKR, SADDAM HUSSEIN AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS. NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED.

2. ALGERIAN FORMIN BOUTEFLIKA WAS PRESENT DURING MOST OF VISIT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT KUWAITI BORDER AND OTHER REGIONAL PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED.

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3. TO PRESS CONFERENCE QUESTION ON OIL, FAHD RESPONDED:

"PRODUCING COUNTRIES DO NOT WISH IN ANY WAY TO CREATE A WORLD PROBLEM. PROCEEDING FROM THIS PRINCIPLE, THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES SHOULD RECONSIDER THE VALUE OF THEIR PRODUCTS IN ORDER THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RECONSIDER OUR OIL PRICES. BUT IF THESE COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO RAISE PRICES OF THEIR PRODUCTS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP ABREAST WITH RISING PRICES."

4. COMMENT: PRATICALLY NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE ABOUT TALKS HAS LEAKED OUT AND WE ARE UNLIKELY TO PICK UP MUCH HERE. ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF VISIT IS THAT IRAQI LEADERS ARE NOW HAVING SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES WITH ARAB LEADERS SO DIFFERENT FROM THEMSELVES. WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HAVING FROM EMBASSY JIDDA AN ACCOUT OF PRINCE FAHD'S IMPRESSIONS OF THEM.
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